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**A Sailor's Turn,**  
As NARRATED BY THE SECOND MATE TO ONE OF THE MARINERS.

This is the tale that was told to me:  
By a shattered and battered son of the sea:  
To me and my messmate, Silas Green,  
When I was a gullible young marine.

"Weas the good ship Grecian,  
All on the Chums seas;  
With the wind at her back and the captain free,  
To catch the summer breeze.

Two Captain Porgie of the deck  
To the mate in the winter hatch,  
With the leatherman held in the for'd hold,  
Was keeping his larboard watch.

"How now does our good ship head to-night?  
How heads our gallant craft?"

"Oh, she heads E. S. W. by N.,  
And the binnacle lies flat."

"Oh, what does the quadrant indicate?  
And how does the sextant stand?"

"Oh, the sextant's down to the freezing point,  
And the quadrant's lost its hand."

"Oh, of the quadrant's lost its hand,  
And the sextant's flat like a board."

"Our poor old bones and our poor old bones,  
Our poor old bones and our poor old bones."

"Our poor old bones and our poor old bones,  
This night are bound to go."

"Oh, off to the gun-room deck,  
And rest the speaker bone,  
Bend a steady sail to the martenings  
To give her weather room."

"Oh, boatman, down in the for'd hold,  
What water do you find?"

"Four feet deep, by the royal-gaff,  
And rather more behind."

"Our poor old bones and our poor old bones,  
And each helmsman pine and pine."

"Come stir thy stumps to spike the pumps,  
Or more will be coming in."

They stirred their stumps, they spiked the pumps.

They spliced the mizzen brace,

Alot and slow they worked, but, ho!

The water gained space.

They bore a hole below her line

To let the water out.

But more and more with wat'rous roar

The water did spout.

Then up spoke the cook of our gallant ship—

And he was a lubber brave—

I've several wives in various ports,

And my life I'd like to save."

Then up spoke the captain of the marines,

Who dearly loved his grot,

"It's awful to die, it's worse to be dry,

And I move we pipe a grog."

Oh, then 'twas the gallant second mate

As he stepped them sailors' jaw,

'Twas the second mate whose hand has weight

In laying down the law.

He then took his sword and cut back,

And leapt into the maw.

Through foam and spray he drove his way,

And sank and rose again.

Through foam and spray a league away,

The anchor shot her bows.

Till last, he made it fast,

And warped the ship ashore.

This is the tale that was told to me,

By that honest and truthful son of the sea.

And I envy the life of a second mate,

Though captains curse him and sailors hate;

For he ain't like some of the swabs we seen,

As would go and lie to a poor marine.

—From the Navy Journal.

The proposed Purchase of Gibraltar.

One hundred and seventy-seven years ago, the fortress of Gibraltar, which was considered impregnable in the hands of Spain, was successfully assailed and taken by England. It was from that date that it has been held by England against all odds.

Strengthened in its defenses, both on its land and sea faces, by its present owners, it has indeed become impregnable, and consequently a thorn in the side of Spain, and an object of jealousy to other nations. It has always been denominated the "the key of the Mediterranean," not only from its commanding position, jutting out into the Strait of Gibraltar, and thus in its possession with its powerful batteries, but from its extensive and commodious bay, in which a fleet can anchor with sure protection from certain winds. With such recommendations, it becomes of the utmost value to a maritime Power, and the question of its retention by England or its restoration to Spain should never be a momentous one.

England's interest in Gibraltar is to defend the country. Under these circumstances, it is startling to have to record a report which comes from Madrid that a very large sum of money has been subscribed with a view to purchasing Gibraltar, and that should England refuse to sell, the money is to be expended in fortifying positions on the Straits, both in Africa and Spain. Is it true that there was a rumour that gained ground a few years ago, to the possibility of some Englishman making a fortune in landing over to the Spaniards the fortress we had captured from them? but, if there was the least foundation for such a rumour, the comments which appeared upon it so decidedly showed the feeling of the nation that the idea was quickly abandoned. Such a report may, however, have given rise to the movement now referred to, and the question is, does not the offer of a sufficient sum of money entitle one who is living Englishman to part with a barren rock, which brings no revenue, but bears heavily on the Exchequer for its maintenance. The precedent of the Ionian Islands may have given a spur to the hope in the breast of Spain, but although England did not commit a blunder in demolishing the fortifications of Corfu and Cefalonia, and making a present of a present to Greece, it does not follow that a second and worse blunder should be committed by selling the strongest fortress in her possession for any sum of money that might be offered for it, or for any other consideration that might be advanced.

In speaking of the capture of Gibraltar, His Majesty King William IV., when Duke of Clarence, said, "I have secured the possession of a fortress of incalculable value, which the united force of Europe had never been able to wrest from her." The Rock is a jewel in the Crown of England, and as such, must be retained at all costs. It is well that the subscribers to the Purchase Fund have provided an alternative, in the event of a failure of the plan of offering to pay off the amount subscribed, in liquidating their own possessions on the Straits. Tariffs on the one side, and Cents on the other, are already fortified; but a large sum of money might be applied in adding to their strength, while some point for a new fortress might be found more immediately opposite Tarifa, between Cape Spartel and Cape Trafalgar. However it may be, at once turn their attention to this, rather than waste time and correspondence by making a futile offer which England can never accept.—Army and Navy Gazette.

"The truth always pays in the end" is an old saying, and that is most probably, why there is so little of it told at the beginning of a business transaction.—Somerville Journal.

"Charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up," and yet some men expect a puff every time they give a dollar to an indigent old woman's society.

"How did you travel, Jones, when you were in India?" "O, by the trunk line, principally." This is regarded by the friends of the aforesaid Jones as a very little joke. —of

"We did not pay you for me," says C. doctor, I couldn't make up my mind to d'ing desperate."

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